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TAGS: PINT, WA, SF

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: WALTER PIPELINE SABOTAGED IN OVAMBO

1. JULY 31 AFTERNOON PRESS REPORTS A MAJOR WATER SUPPLY LINE WAS BLOWN UP IN OVAMBOLAND LATE ON JULY 29, ALLEGEDLY BY SWAPO. SABC LOCATED THE INCIDENT BETWEEN OSHANDI AND EYENHANDA (PHONETIC) WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE. SECURITY FORCES RESPONDING TO THE EXPLOSION REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED A SOVIET-MANUFACTURED LANDMINE AT THE PIPELINE CUT. (NOTE: THE PRESS ACCOUNTS DO NOT MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER THE MINE WAS USED TO CUT THE PIPELINE, OR THAT IT WAS AN UNEXPENDED MINE LEFT BEHIND BY THE PERPETRATORS.) SADF COMMANDING OFFICER IN NAMIBIA, MAJOR GENERAL JAN UNCLASSIFIED

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GELDENHUYS, REPORTEDLY CHARACTERIZED THE INCIDENT AS ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS OF A NUMBER OF BORDER VIOLATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS BY SWAPO INSURGENTS BASED IN ANGOLA. ACCORDING THE SABC, THE PIPELINE SERVES 100,000 PEOPLE.

2. SABC ALSO REPORTED SABOTAGE OF EIGHT TELEPHONE POLES ON PHONE LINE BETWEEN ONDANGWA AND OSKIKANGO IN

THE HEART OF OVAMBOLAND.
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